

Good Evening, Everybody:

~~My~~ friend Valentine Williams, the British author and war correspondent, ~~looks large~~ <sup>crashed</sup> today on the front pages of the Philadelphia papers ~~in quite amusing fashion.~~ <sup>today in amusing fashion — an</sup> ~~What~~ <sup>Englishman</sup> glad to acknowledge when ~~makes him the more prominent is that he appears in the role~~ <sup>the joke is on himself.</sup> ~~of an Englishman who is glad to acknowledge when the joke~~ is on himself.

Some weeks ago Captain Williams was driving his car through the streets of Philadelphia. He was stopped by traffic lights, ~~on a street intersection, and~~ <sup>as</sup> the light changed to yellow, ~~Captain Williams~~ <sup>the famous novelist</sup> waited for the customary green. A Philadelphia policeman said: ~~to him:~~

"Hey farmer, go on the yellow light and don't worry about waiting for the green."

When ~~Captain~~ <sup>Valentine</sup> Williams returned to London he ~~described~~ <sup>staid old</sup> the incident in a letter to the London Times. ~~All~~ <sup>Englishmen</sup> write letters <sup>to</sup> the Times.

Mr. Dodge, ~~the~~ Director of Public Safety in Philadelphia

happened to see this letter and was ~~very~~ <sup>highly</sup> indignant. He

<sup>Said he, "I'll</sup> declared that ~~he would~~ discover the identity of the ~~police~~ <sup>cop</sup> man

who had made that remark and ~~discipline him for uncalled~~ <sup>smack him down</sup>

for discourtesy to a visitor. ~~The news of~~ This was published

in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, and Captain Williams happened

to see it. <sup>In fact he</sup> ~~Thereupon Mr. Williams~~ wrote ~~a letter~~ to the

~~Public~~ Ledger, saying ~~that~~ his letter to the London Times had

been completely ~~misunderst~~ misinterpreted. <sup>merely</sup> ~~He wrote it to~~ <sup>his intention had been to</sup>

illustrate <sup>how</sup> ~~the fact~~ that there's a growing tendency in the

U.S.A. to disregard ~~or abandon~~ the amber light, ~~in traffic~~

<sup>In fact as</sup> ~~signals.~~ ~~As~~ a result of his letter to the London Times, the

London Bobbies are now experimenting with the abolishing of

the amber light.

Captain Williams went on to say ~~to the Philadelphia~~

Ledger:

"I am anxious to rectify this matter because ~~for~~ <sup>from</sup>

my various visits to Philadelphia I have the warmest memories of the courtesy of everybody, the police included. And I am appalled by the prospect of any policeman being put on the carpet by reason of an Englishman's inability to see a joke."

Righto, Captain. And good-oh for you!

## BEARS

A story about a grisly bear ~~that was recently in~~ <sup>comes from</sup> the London Post. ~~rather hit my fancy.~~ It seems a tenderfoot was walking along a trail in a range in Alaska when he saw a grisly feeding on a hillside about a quarter of a mile away. The tenderfoot's companion warned him not to get gay with Mr. Grisly. He quoted the old Canadian proverb: "Let the grisly go his way; if he is interfered with, he will get his man like the Northwest Mounted Police".

Well, the tenderfoot didn't believe in proverbs.

8: He fired and wounded the bear. Mr. Bear limped away into the underbrush. The two travellers <sup>continued</sup> ~~went~~ on. ~~their way.~~ A few miles further ~~on~~ they passed almost directly under a ledge of rock. As the tenderfoot who <sup>had the shot</sup> ~~fired~~ passed under that rock, ~~the~~ a blow from the bear's paw crushed his ~~xxx~~ skull and he died immediately. His companion was not molested.

This story is vouched for by Bob McComb, a veteran of thirty years experience in big game hunting in Canada. *And there's a tragic story of a bear that didn't forget.*

SHAW

That hardy perennial George Bernard Shaw is in the news again with one of his ~~xxx~~ characteristic remarks about America. He told an audience in London last night that elections nowadays are the bunk. They are ~~xxx~~ nothing but just one stampede after another.

G.B.S. said further that the best example of a stampede was the presidential election we've just gone through, and he added that the substitution of Mr. Roosevelt for Mr. Hoover won't make the slightest difference to anybody.

G.B.S. seems to have been in a confessional vein.

"I've been preaching for forty-eight years", he said, "and I haven't produced the slightest effect. I've solved all the world's problems time and time again, and still they go on being unsolvable."

Another gem from G.B.S. was the statement that "public speaking ought to be made a criminal offense."

top of ~~saying~~ that he himself went <sup>right</sup> on speaking a half hour over the time allotted to him.

BERLIN

Parliamentary government in Germany seems to be up against Hamlet's famous question - to be or not to be. A dispatch from Berlin this afternoon reports that President von Hindenburg called in Dr. Kaas, leader of the Centrist party, and put a grave question to him. The question is, - is it possible to establish parliamentary government in Germany? If so, how? ~~can it be made possible?~~

*About the same time*  
~~Meanwhile~~ Adolf Hitler *came out with* ~~issued~~ a pugnacious statement;

The gist of ~~which~~ <sup>it</sup> was:- "The fight goes on".

Oh, just a moment. Later this afternoon it was announced that the head of the Centrist party had informed President von Hindenburg that he was unable to find a cabinet which would have a majority in the German parliament to back it up.

A dispatch to the ~~New York World Telegram~~ <sup>Brooklyn Times-Union</sup> indicates that what von Hindenburg is looking for now is a presidential cabinet. By this is meant a cabinet headed by one man in whom <sup>the president,</sup> he has confidence, regardless of his parliamentary support.

BEER

( The House of Representatives will pass a beer bill by January 1st. This statement comes from no less an authority than Speaker Garner, ~~the~~ Vice-President-elect. )

At the same time it is reported that the wine interests in the country are organizing vigorously ~~to try~~ to have the consumption of wines made legal.

Senator Hastings of Delaware, formerly a strong dry and a supporter of President Hoover, appeared today in the list of wet supporters. The Delaware senator announced that he will introduce a bill to withdraw the appropriation of any of Uncle Sam's money for prohibition enforcement in states which are opposed to the 18th amendment.

GARNER

When Speaker Garner becomes Vice-President, he will set a new precedent for vice-presidents. That's a rather a tough sentence. Let's see if I can get it again - a <sup>vice-President</sup>~~precedent~~ precedent for vice-presidents. Is that better?

setting

A dispatch from Washington declares that Mr. and Mrs. Garner have announced politely but firmly that they will duck all social events except those ~~in~~ at the White House which will be more or less obligatory. <sup>He declines to doll up every night in a boiled shirt.</sup> So, there will be no such events to enliven the society of the nation's capital as the show put on by vice-president <sup>Charlie</sup> Curtis's sister, Dollie Gann.



## DEBTS

That international debt situation seems to get more complicated. A dispatch from London to the New York Evening Post this afternoon reports that the pound sterling sank to three dollars and twenty-two cents. This is the lowest <sup>that the</sup> pound sterling has ever reached since Great Britain went off the gold standard and only three cents above the lowest ~~pound~~ <sup>point in all</sup> ~~in~~ history.

Dispatches ~~xxx~~ attribute this to President Hoover's announcement that European nations will be called upon to pay their debt installments to Uncle Sam as agreed, next month. At the same time the President suggested that Congress should be urged to authorize the payment of these debts by foreign countries in their own currency. If this ~~suggestion~~ were followed, they would not have to pay so much.

In spite of this suggestion from Mr. Hoover, the pound sterling ~~sank down~~ <sup>took this</sup> tumble.

What the British government will do, whether Great Britain will default or not, still remains in the realm of the unknown. <sup>Today's issues of London newspapers</sup> ~~This morning London Press was almost~~ <sup>were almost</sup> unanimously opposed to any defaulting on the part of John

Bull. Nevertheless, it is known that many influential people in England and the popular voice in general, favors defaulting.

(10) A dispatch from Paris to the New York Sun indicates that the French government will send another note to the United States on the debt question. There is to be a cabinet council in Paris tomorrow. The French government will also hold a conference with England on the subject.

On top of this another note from the United States Government to France was made public late this afternoon. In this the French government was informed that the chief magistrate of the United States has no power to allow any postponement of the debt installment.

ITALY

One statesman in <sup>Europe</sup> ~~Italy~~ keeps strict silence on the debt question: ~~That is~~ Premier Mussolini of Italy. The example of the Duce is followed with one exception by all the Italian newspapers.

PERSHING

2 GENERAL PERSHING IS IN NEW YORK AGAIN THIS WEEK,  
JUST BACK FROM ~~one~~<sup>one</sup> OF HIS FREQUENT TRIPS TO EUROPE. THE GENERAL  
IS A REGULAR TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUTER THESE DAYS. SURROUNDED  
BY ~~his~~ FRIENDS AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA  
TODAY HE LOOKED ALMOST AS YOUNG AND FIT, AND <sup>certainly</sup> EVERY BIT AS SPICK  
AND SPAN AND DEBONAIR AS HE DID WHEN I KNEW HIM AT HEADQUARTERS,  
AT CHAUMONT, IN FRANCE, FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

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THE GENERAL HAS BEEN SUPERVISING THE WORK OF THE  
BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION IN FRANCE. HE SAYS THAT EVERYTHING  
IS PRACTICALLY COMPLETE;- THREE LARGE MEMORIALS AT CHATEAU-  
THIERY, ST. MIHIEL, AND <sup>Meuse</sup> MEUSE-ARGONNE, EIGHT CEMETERIES, EACH  
WITH ITS CHAPEL, AND THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND GRAVES MARKED WITH  
CROSSES OF CARRARA MARBLE.

THE GENERAL EXPRESSED DELIGHT AND GREAT SURPRISE  
THAT HIS MEMOIRS, ENTITLED ~~"MY EXPERIENCES IN THE WORLD WAR"~~  
WON THE PULITZER PRIZE AS THE YEAR'S BEST ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ HISTORICAL  
WORK. AND HERE'S GOOD NEWS: AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS LIVING  
SOLDIER, ~~AND THE~~ LAST SURVIVING COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF AN

ALLIED ARMY, DECLARED THAT EUROPE IS NOT ON THE VERGE OF

~~ANY~~ WAR. HE SAID THAT WAR OVER THERE WAS UNLIKELY.

BLACK TOM

HERE'S ONE THAT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE A  
THRILLER. DO YOU REMEMBER THOSE GIGANTIC BLACK TOM EXPLOSIONS  
AT KINGSLAND, NEW JERSEY, DURING THE WAR? I WAS IN EUROPE AT  
THE TIME BUT WE EVEN HEARD THE REPERCUSSIONS OVER THERE.  
AND NOW A STRANGE STORY COMES OUT ABOUT THEM. I UNDERSTAND  
LAW SUITS FOR DAMAGE ARE PENDING, ~~BY~~ <sup>lawsuits for</sup> ~~THE TOTAL~~ BETWEEN  
TWENTY-FIVE AND FORTY MILLION DOLLARS. AND THE STORY IS  
THAT THE CASE <sup>may</sup> ~~is~~ TURN UPON THE AUTHENTICITY OF A MYSTERIOUS  
XB ~~SECRET~~ CYPHER MESSAGE FOUND ON ONE OF THE PAGES OF A ~~XB~~  
1917 COPY OF BLUE BOOK MAGAZNE, <sup>- in secret ink.</sup> SURELY NO STORY STRANGER  
THAN THAT EVER APPEARED IN THE BLUE BOOK.

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PICARD

AN INTERESTING ITEM CAUGHT MY EYE IN A LATE  
EDITION OF THE BROOKLYN TIMES TONIGHT. PROFESSOR AUGUSTE  
PICARD, THE BELGIAN SCIENTIST, THE MAN WHO JOURNIED HIGHER  
INTO THE AIR THAN ANY HUMAN BEING ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ HAD EVER CLIMBED BEFORE,  
FAR UP INTO THE STRATOSPHERE, IS COMING TO AMERICA. HE IS  
COMING OVER TO PREPARE FOR ANOTHER BALLOON ASCENT INTO THE  
STRATOSPHERE, TO BE MADE SOMEWHERE UP IN THE HUDSON BAY  
COUNTRY, NEXT YEAR.

FOOTBALL

Two of tomorrow's football games ought to be hum dingers. In fact, the fans are already finding it out. Seats for the conflict between the Army and Notre Dame at the Yankee Stadium in New York tomorrow were being sold by speculators for as high as \$11 apiece ~~in New York~~ this afternoon. And, <sup>adds</sup> ~~says~~ the New York World Telegram, prices are still rising.

The New York Sun's expert believes that the Army and the Fighting Irish from South Bend are theoretically equal. Tomorrow's game will show what the theory is worth.

The other big game of the day will be that between the Pittsburgh Panthers and Leland Stanford. Then in Boston, there

*that traditional*  
will be a meeting between Holy Cross and Boston College, <sup>a slam bang</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>grideron</sup>  
*is a* ~~is certain to~~ <sup>battle that always</sup> draws a huge crowd.



BOOKS

How much do you suppose the U.S.A. spends every year for its literature? *The N.Y. Sun tells us*

*that* Wilfred Funk, President of Funk and Wagnalls, has been delving into the question and he discovers that the sum amounts to \$240,000<sup>000</sup>, a year.

"Professional writers", says Mr. Funk, "receive an average income of \$2,400 a year each. If the \$240,000,000 ~~a year~~ were spread among all the inhabitants of the United States, every man, woman and child would be paying \$2.00 a head for what they read. This includes books, magazines and newspapers.

Mr. Funk ~~is excluding~~ has excluded advertising from his figures. *He* estimates that about a hundred thousand persons <sup>*in this country*</sup> earn money by writing.

PARROT

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Here's a new kind of bird story. A traffic policeman in Hempstead, Long Island, was astonished yesterday when a voice from a passing car cried out to him: "You dirty bum."

~~A story in~~ The New York World Telegram relates <sup>tonight</sup> that the policeman rebuked the driver. The driver protested that he had not ~~said~~ <sup>uttered</sup> a word. The remark was made, he said, by his parrot which he had in the car. ~~with him.~~

The policeman ~~would not believe the owner of the~~ <sup>said: "I bet my friend</sup> ~~car~~ and took <sup>owner,</sup> ~~him,~~ car, parrot and all, to police headquarters. There the parrot repeated his remark and addressed the desk lieutenant as "You ~~are~~ dirty bum". In fact, as various other officers of that town entered the station each in turn was so addressed by the parrot. ~~In addition to this~~ <sup>also</sup> The bird <sup>also</sup> bit the desk lieutenant, nipped one policeman and tore the hand of another.

The Hempstead cops thought they could subdue the parrot by throwing it into the jug, but for their pains the night shift were kept awake all night by the loud and highly uncomplimentary remarks of the <sup>profane</sup> parrot, <sup>whose mildest</sup> ~~It's just too tough when honest policemen aren't~~ <sup>epithet was you dirty bum.</sup> ~~allowed to sleep at nights.~~

## TEACHERS

I suppose most people, like myself, were taught the old adage that "A preposition is a bad word to end a sentence with." Like the man about to be hung. Said the judge, "Have you anything to say before you die?" "Yes," said the prisoner, "I have one final request. Whatever you do, don't end my sentence with a preposition."

Well, the English teachers of the U.S.A. are having a convention in Memphis, Tennessee, and you may be happy to hear that this is one of the old traditions they are throwing overboard.

A professor from Asheville, N.C., said to the convention:- "This belief is just one of the many delusions concerning good English." He added further: "Nobody who clings to that superstition can have done much reading."

"However," continued the North Carolina Professor, "there are other delusions about good English. One of them is that it is a bad habit to begin a sentence with and or but. This also," adds that wise and noble professor, "is nonsense. And or but can be a perfectly good beginning for any sentence."

And that sets my mind at rest. And I'm off for Syracuse tonight. And, SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.